

# STATE OF ALASKA

## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

## DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Charles E. Cole  
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Department of Law

**FROM:** Charlot E. Thickstun  
Director  
Division of Elections

**DATE:** 8 August 1992

**SUBJ:** Request for Counsel  
Recall Petition Grounds

It is my understanding that the Director of the Division of Elections is mandated to review the application for recall and shall either certify it or notify the recall committee of the grounds of refusal. (A.S. 15.45.540). In response to your advice that I ask for an opinion on the legality of the grounds on the recall petitions for Governor Walter J. Hickel and Lt. Governor John B. "Jack" Coghill; I herewith make the request for counsel unconnected to the parties named in the recall petition, ( A.S. 44.23.020 and A.S. 36.30.015) for that purpose.

This counsel will be advisory to me, as Director of Elections and the authority we are asking of you is to procure counsel outside the state system.

The process of verifying signatures on both petitions is still going on; however, we would like to spare the recall committee and the League of Women Voters any inconvenience or delay by being timely in concluding this matter.

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